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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, CS

SUBJECT: SUGAR: APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT BY QUOTA COUNTRIES

REF: (A) STATE 022675

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1. AGATT HAS RECENTLY APPROACHED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY LIGA AGRICOLA INDUSTRIAL DE LA CANA DE AZUCAR ON 2 SEPARATE OCCASIONS (REFS B AND C) AND HAS GENERALLY COVERED POINTS IN REFERENCE (A). LIGA INDICATED THAT IT WAS OFFERING AT FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED ALLOCATIONS AND ONLY RESTRAINT ON POTENTIAL OFFERS TO U.S. AT THIS TIME IS AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES AS HARVEST STILL IN PROGRESS. LIGA HAS REPEATEDLY STATED REASSURANCES THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH U.S. QUOTA COMMITMENTS. ALSO, CONGRESSMEN DENT, CONTE AND DE LA GARZA ARRIVING IN COSTA RICA TODAY (FEBRUARY 7) AND WILL MEET WITH LIGA ON FEBRUARY 8.

2. LIGA HAS REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THAT ONLY TIME SUGAR SOLD ON WORLD MARKET WAS LAST SEASON WHEN U.S. QUOTA WAS FULFILLED AND AT A TIME WHEN LIGA  
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NEEDED REVENUE TO PAY PROCESSORS. THEY SAID THAT

IF U.S. QUOTA INCREASES HAD BEEN AVAILABLE ON TIME,  
COSTA RICA WOULD HAVE EXPORTED AROUND 30,000 TONS  
MORE TO U.S. THAN WAS ACTUALLY SHIPPED IN 1973.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF TWO PREVIOUS  
APPROACHES TO LIGA, ASSURANCES GIVEN BY LIGA, AND  
VISIT OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN TO LIGA, A THIRD  
APPROACH DOES NOT APPEAR WARRANTED AT THIS TIME  
UNLESS WE ARE INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE. ANOTHER APPROACH  
WOULD APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE IF ASSURANCES COULD BE  
GIVEN TO LIGA THAT U.S. QUOTA LIKELY TO BE EXPANDED  
SUFFICIENTLY TO ABSORB ALL COSTA RICAN EXPORTABLE SURPLUS.  
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